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Chief, Foreign Branch M

COS, Karlsruhe

Operational

BEACHCOMBER: CANUCK's re-involvement with MOB.

MCK-W-3191, para 5. > Beach warden

1. Please accept our apologies for not having realized that CANUCK is a former contact of this base and thank you for having called the matter to our attention. Although our card files are actually in order and indicate clearly that CANUCK is really who he is, this matter somehow escaped our attention when BEACHCOMBER first called him to our attention.

2. Concerning the manner in which BEACHCOMBER became involved with CANUCK: At one time BEACHCOMBER mentioned to [] that he had met CANUCK who seemed to be eminently qualified to interrogate Soviet refugees and deserters from the Red Army. He proposed that CANUCK be entrusted with the mission to perform this service for our organization. [] turned down the idea as one which would be apt to involve BEACHCOMBER in unproductive labors. (It will no doubt be recalled that MOB was under some pressure at that particular time to have BEACHCOMBER concentrate his efforts on targets which promised more success in the area of his interest.) At the same time, however, [] did tell BEACHCOMBER that it might be interesting to have CANUCK's views on the subject of the interrogation. [] committed himself to this extent because, at the time, there was some talk about our operating an interrogation center.) [] further told BEACHCOMBER that BELVEDERE VI could use CANUCK as a casual contact but was not to use him as a regular source.

3. So far as we are able to determine here, BEACHCOMBER made no further mention of CANUCK until MARTINYAK appeared on the scene. BEACHCOMBER first discussed this case with [] who was not aware of [] conversation with BEACHCOMBER on the

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subject of CANUCK. So far as [] recalls, the first mention made to him by BEACHCOMBER concerning CANUCK was BEACHCOMBER's report No. 33, dated 22 August. (This report dealt with information obtained by CANUCK and which was considered to be possible confirmation of MARTINYAK's reports. The information contained in the report was forwarded to FBM as MGM-A-1526. The original report will be forwarded under separate cover.)

4. After the MARTINYAK affair blew up, [] instructed BEACHCOMBER that no further interrogation and/or other commitments of an operational nature were to be made with CANUCK for the indefinite future - See MGM-A-1574, para 1 k. Although we have received some additional information from CANUCK since that time (to wit, some comments on the alleged reliability of one SKADDING who is said to be a director of the DEARUTRA in Rostock Harbor), we have assumed that these were obtained from CANUCK on the "casual contact" basis stipulated by [] when he first discussed this matter with BEACHCOMBER. We intend to ask BEACHCOMBER for a statement regarding CANUCK's present status on the occasion of our next meeting which will probably take place next Monday, and will inform you of the results of our inquiry.

5. The information on our card and in our 240.1 concerning CANUCK is incomplete and we would appreciate having a precis of whatever information your files may contain on the subject of his previous collaboration with our organization.

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